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## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to the golf glove with replaceable saving pads. The game of golf has been known as a strenuous exercise which uses only certain portions of the hand from both hands to control the accuracy of a swing. During a golf game, a glove is generally used for the player to protect sensitive skin on the hand. Golf gloves normally are made of soft leather which provides golfers with more comfortable feeling than the other materials, when golfers perform golf swings. Since the golf game is a strenuous exercise, the golf glove wears out very quickly due to the nature of soft leather. To worsen the problem, the moisture from the perspiration of the hands causes the golf glove to become even weaker to sustain the stress during golf swings. Two weakest areas of a golf glove are at the palm and the thumb locations. The other areas seem to remain at quite good conditions when the palm and the thumb areas are worn out and the glove becomes not usable practically. To many golfers, this becomes extra financial cost to enjoy a golf game. To save golf glove has been attempted by using drying method in the past and can be found in prior art patent disclosure shown in U.S. Pat. No Pelt et al. 6,546,599 B2.

The modifications of a golf glove have been attempted in the past and the improvements are mainly related to grip control. They can be found in prior art patent disclosures shown in U.S. Pat. Nos. Masstab 3,532,344, Moroney 3,863,271, Bach 4,329,741, Lapple 5253367, Chun et al. 5,423,089, St. Ville 5,634,214, Storto 5,855,022, Widdemer 6052827, Kobayashi et al. 6,154,885, and Terris et al 6,708346 B2. Various types of pad were used in the above patent disclosures; they are either different in shape or the material used to fill inside the pad. However, they have one thing in common, i.e., the pad is permanently attached to the golf glove. In other words, the golf glove will loss its integrity if the pad is removed. This is very different from golf glove saving pads of the present invention. → *Correlation /*

The pads used at the palm and the finger, such as thumb, areas of a golf glove in the present invention can be attached to any golf glove and are removable. They can be easily removed with the aid of hot air without changing any integrity of the golf glove. Therefore, the golf glove saving pads of the present invention are replaceable. Since the pads used in the present invention prevent the grip of golf club from directly contacting the soft leather surfaces of the palm and the thumb areas of a golf glove, those areas are protected and can not be easily worn out by the stress

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during golf swings. Moreover, the pads used in the present invention also serve as a moisture barrier to eliminate the effect due to the moisture from the perspiration of the hands that causes the golf glove to become even weaker to sustain the stress during golf swings. To replace the pads used in the present invention is much cheaper than to buy a new golf glove, therefore, the present invention is a golf glove saver.



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## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the present invention to provide a golf glove with saving pads.

It is another object of the present invention to provide golf glove saving pads that can be used and attached to commercially available golf gloves.

It is an additional object of the present invention to provide golf glove saving pads which are replaceable.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide golf glove saving pads to extend the normal usage life of a golf glove.

The saving pad of the present invention for the palm area of a golf glove has an irregular pear shape to fit to the hand when the golfer holds a golf club. While the saving pad of the present invention for the finger, such as thumb, area of a golf glove has an elongated oval shape to fit to the inner side of the thumb. The golf glove saving pad of the present invention comprises multi-layers of material that are bonded together by a double sided glue tape, glue or sewing.

The inner layer of saving pad of the first embodiment of the present invention is made of thin, lightweight, porous, elastic, self-adhering material. The outer layer of saving pad of the first embodiment of the present invention is made of a flexible, non-slip, non-self-adhering material. Due to the elastic nature of the inner layer of this embodiment, the golf glove saving pads of the present invention can provide some cushion function to the golfer.

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palm and the thumb areas of a golf glove, those areas are protected and can not be easily worn out by the stress during golf swings. Moreover, the pads used in the present invention also serve as a moisture barrier to eliminate the effect due to the moisture from the perspiration of the hands that causes the golf glove to become even weaker to sustain the stress during golf swings. To replace the pads used in the present invention is much cheaper than to buy a new golf glove, therefore, the present invention serves as a golf glove saver.



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#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a top view of a golf glove with saving pads at palm area and thumb area.

FIG. 2 is a top view of a golf glove saving pad for the palm area of a golf glove.

FIG. 3 is a top view of a golf glove saving pad for the finger, such as thumb, area of a golf glove.

FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional elevation view of the first embodiment of a golf glove saving pad of FIG. 2, taken along line 2--2 of FIG. 2, showing a double sided glue tape between the inner layer and the outer layer, and the bottom double sided glue tape before they are assembled.

FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional elevation view of the second embodiment of a golf glove saving pad of FIG. 2, taken along line 2--2 of FIG. 2, showing a double sided glue tape between the inner layer and the outer layer, and the bottom double sided glue tape before they are assembled.

FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional elevation view of the third embodiment of a golf glove saving pad of FIG. 2, taken along line 2--2 of FIG. 2, showing the inner layer, the outer layer, and a double sided glue tape at the bottom before they are assembled

FIG. 7 is a top view of the fourth embodiment of the present invention with saving pads at palm area and thumb area.